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Park Operational Base Summary: The table below shows the annual park operating base for all parks within this state. Park operational base funds are supplemented by as yet undetermined amounts of project funding from regional or servicewide-managed programs, such as cyclic maintenance, the Natural Resources Preservation Program, and the Drug Enforcement Program.

If a park is in more than one state, the park is included in each of the appropriate state tables. The full operating base is shown; no attempt has been made to split the park operating base amount between two or more states.

| Congr <u>Distr</u> <u>Park Units</u> | FY 2000 Enacted | FY 2001 Enacted | FY 2002 Uncontrol Changes | FY 2002 Program <u>Changes</u> | FY 2002 Estimate |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 00 Christiansted NHS | | | | | |
| & Buck Island Reef NM | 949,000 | 1,250,000 | 16,000 | 0 | 1,266,000 |
| 00 Salt River Bay NHP & Ecol Pres | 309,000 | 485,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 486,000 |
| 00 Virgin Islands NP | 3.730.000 | 4.782.000 | 82.000 | 0 | 4.864.000 |

The table does not include programs from other appropriations such as General Management Plans, Land Acquisition, Line Item Construction and Maintenance, Federal Lands Highway Program, and Historic Preservation Fund State Grants. Information on the distribution of funds in those programs is outlined on the next page. There are separate sections on General Management Plans and the Trails Management Program.

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(dollars in thousands)

PROGRAMS NOT INCLUDED IN PARK BASE:

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLANS (See GMP section for further information)
None

LAND ACQUISITION (see attached)

Park AreaRemarksFundsChristiansted NHS1 acre\$900

CONSTRUCTION: LINE ITEM CONSTRUCTION

None

PROPOSED FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Park AreaProject TitleFundsVirgin Islands NPConstruct stone masonry guard wall\$240

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND: STATE GRANTS

State apportionment: \$418

STATE CONSERVATION GRANTS

Proposed state apportionment: \$159

Land Acquisition and State Assistance/Federal Land Acquisition

Fiscal Year 2002 National Park Service Federal Land Acquisition Program

Program or Park Area: Christiansted National Historic Site

National Park Service Land Acquisition Priority (FY 2002): Priority No. 14

Location: City of Christiansted, Island of Saint Croix, United States Virgin Islands

State/County/Congressional District: U. S. Virgin Islands/Island of Saint Croix/Congressional Delegate

Land Acquisition Limitation Amount Remaining: There is no limitation.

Cost Detail:

| Date | Acres | Total Amount |
|---------------------|-------|--------------|
| FY 2002 Request | 1 | \$900,000 |
| Future Funding Need | 0 | 0 |

The total amount includes the cost of title, appraisal, environmental site assessment, acquisition, and relocation assistance.

Improvements: Commercial structures

<u>Description</u>: Originally designated as Virgin Islands National Historic Site in 1952, the site was renamed in 1961.

<u>Natural/Cultural Resources Associated with Proposal</u>: Urban colonial development of the Virgin Islands is commemorated by 18th - and 19th - century structures in the heart of the capital of the former Danish West Indies on Saint Croix Island.

<u>Threat</u>: Acquisition of a downtown building is necessary to protect significant historic resources at the park. The building, known as the Danish West Indies and Guinea Company Warehouse, is the only intact slave trading post on the eastern seaboard of the United States. The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The property is presently owned and administered by the United States Postal Service (USPS), which intends to sell the property and currently has it listed with a realtor. Acquisition of this tract by the National Park Service would ensure preservation of the structure and proper interpretation of its historical significance.

<u>Need</u>: The requested funds will be used to acquire the Danish West Indies and Guinea Company Warehouse. The Postal Service has built a new post office and has moved forward with plans to sell the warehouse on the open market. On November 29, 2000, the National Park Service wrote to the Postal Service requesting the donation of the property. The USPS is unwilling to donate the property to the National Park Service.

<u>Interaction with Landowners and Partners</u>: The USPS is willing to sell the property to the National Park Service. Efforts by the Service to acquire the tract are being supported by The Nature Conservancy and The Trust for Public Land. National Park Service management of the site will create a positive impact on tourism on Saint Croix and the local community welcomes this outcome. The Service has obtained an appraisal of the tract and the requested funds, if appropriated, would permit completion of the acquisition.